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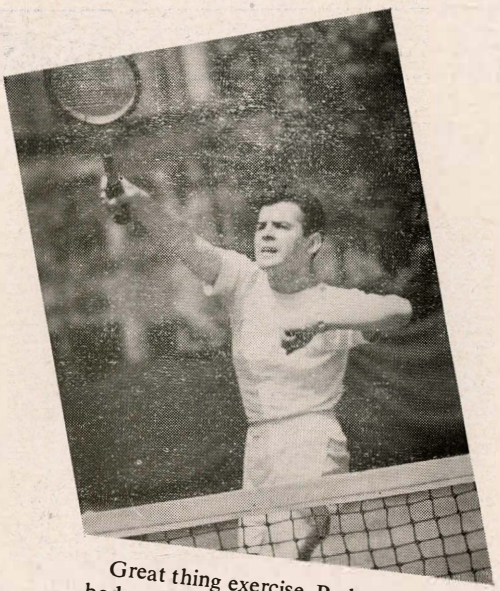

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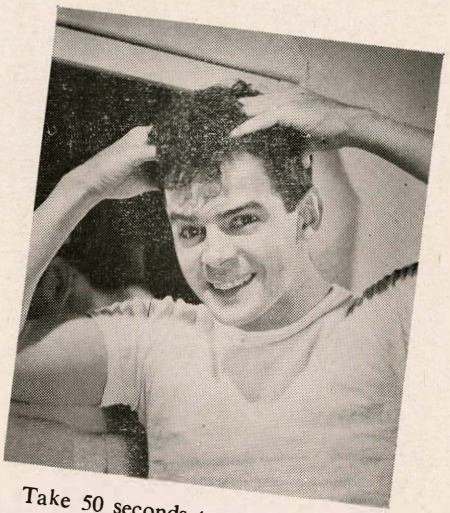

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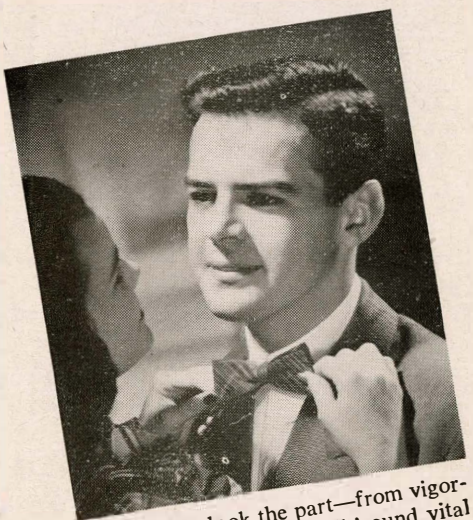

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WELLS

"THE LIGHT FANTASTIC"

Well over two hundred years have passed since the phrase "the light fantastic" was coined, but the Wells-Hamilton dance showed that Hill Freshmen know the meaning of "tripping on a toe." On Saturday night, March 8, the Was Los-sponsored dance returned to take its rightful place among annual Hamilton events.

In spite of icy roads and worn out buses, the Wells girls arrived as scheduled late Saturday afternoon. Groups were escorted by a welcoming committee to the various fraternity houses where they met their dates and had dinner.

Some struggled across the icy campus to witness the hockey game, but most couples were content to remain in the warmth of the Psi U House, dancing to the music of the Collegians. At E. L. S., the candle-lit game room was popular for drinking a pleasant beer or two, with phonograph music for the dancers.

At midnight Lucy Marsh (Wells' Freshman president) reluctantly reminded her Cinderellas that it was midnight, and that the bus drivers were getting impatient to leave. The tone of conversation from the couples clustered about the buses indicated that, in many cases, the unhappy separation was only temporary.

ATHLETICS

P. A. SYSTEM

Aware of the need for a permanent Public Address system for the Sage Building, Director of Athletics Weber recently commenced negotiations with Mr. Charles Marx for the purchase of sound equipment, which in the past had been borrowed. Mr. Marx, with rare benevolence, had his equipment completely renovated, and donated it to the college.

For many years Mr. Marx has been known throughout this area as one of its outstanding figure skaters. He formerly toured the area with one of his proteges giving exhibitions. Mr. Marx has long been interested in Hamilton hockey, and although he no longer performs between periods, he attends as many of the games as he can. The college appreciates this donation of equipment given for the purpose of promoting a favorite sport.

COVER...

Last year, Hamilton's first post-war basketball team was severely trounced by a hard-driving quintet from Rhoads General Hospital. The bespectacled spark-plug of the invaders had a field day against his alma mater. But this season "Swish" Wilson has returned to the Hill to try his hand at civilian basketball.

William Ralph Wilson was born in Rochester twenty-two years ago. After playing basketball and tennis at LeRay High School, Bill came to Hamilton in the fall of 1941. He contined these two sports on the Hill and gained sufficient recognition in his first year to attain the coveted D. T. safety pin and cork. In his off season, autumn, "Swish" helped the D. U.'s to greater glory in the Intramural circuit. Although the Army interrupted his studies, Bill managed to end up in the Medical Corps, a circumstance that did the least possible damage to his M. D. aspirations.

This basketball season got underway with too much premature publicity and too many close defeats. A lone victory over Mass. State was included amid the losing frays. But practice, coaching and hard-earned experience began to tell. After giving a strong R. P. I. aggregation a bad scare, the team showed off at Winter Carnival by squeezing out Alfred. Then it went on a late season rampage. Hobart was snowed under, then Union visitors heard the Chapel bell. The season ended with an inspired quintet matching set-shot happy Rochester team point for point before losing in the final minutes.

Bill Tank, Dan Ferguson and Bob Brewer brought crowds to their feet time after time with well placed shots. But too few of these spectators remembered that "Swish" Wilson had set up the plays with well-directed passes. He was listed as captain on the programs and he proved the title was more than an honorary one when out on the court. He kept the ball moving and the players on their toes.

As spokesman for the players, Bill stated that the record would have been much better if the scheduled games had

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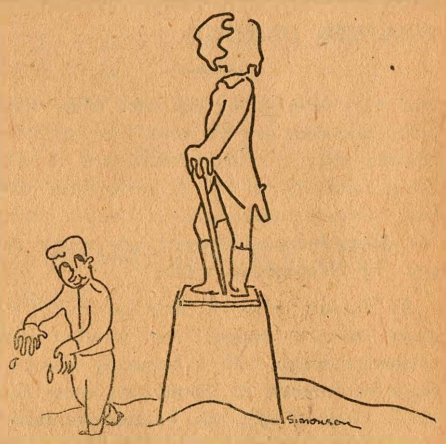
WEATHER

KISSINEYOO' WAYO

If anyone had casually looked at the weather report for Utica and vicinity for Saturday, March 1, he would have read what turned out to be something of an understatement . . . "some snow tonight. Tomorrow clearing and somewhat colder." Whether the weather man was afraid to tell the truth or whether he was really caught with a serious case of drooping drawers, no one seems to know, but by Monday morning the "some snow" had deposited a 30 inch fall and the barometer was diving to a six-year low reading of 28.23.

After the slate skies broke and a 48 mile gale swept the Hill, banking snow into six



and eight foot drifts, Hamilton dug out. Ploughing was slow, tiring, cold; trucks for snow removal sank into three foot ruts; mail delivery was held up by icy, clogged hill roads, causing heartaching delay for bankrupt veterans. By Wednesday footpaths were passable and traffic resumed at a slow rate.

Messrs Graves, Mattingly, and Dale were snowbound, Dr. Rogers, after unsuccessful snow-shoe and skiing attempts waded in, in time for afternoon classes.

Statistically inclined faculty members measured 145 feet of snow blocking garageways, marooning autos for days until the ground crew chewed its way through. The library opened only ten minutes late despite door-blocking drifts and impassable trails.

At ski resorts in the heavy-hit Adirondacks, weather-bound Hamiltonians on week-

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MUSIC

McNAMARA ?

On Wednesday, March 5,. a group of students met in Soper Commons to plan the establishment of a concert band. A good band could do much to raise **esprit de corps,** not only as a rallying force at football games, but also as a source of listenable music in the concert field. Currently, the band is undertaking two projects: music which is being scored by Professor Berrian R. Shute for the Charlatans' production of **The Tempest,** and music for a tentative concert to be held with the choir sometime in the spring. Perhaps, in addition to playing at the Commencement exercises in June, the band will give a series of evening concerts on the Quadrangle in May.

Fred Kuhner, leader-of-the-band, prefers one not "few in number," but "the finest in the land," and plans for a forty or fifty piece organization with a music library and its own headquarters on the Hill.

Starting March 21, Hamiltonews will be distributed on Fridays.

WEATHER (CONT'D)

end trips were giving up hope when food-laden dog-sleds arrived, took them to town, allowed them to head southward to Old Forge, arriving at college only three days late. Others roughing it in Canada waited for delayed trains; showed up, soggy and wet, by Wednesday night.

By Tuesday, after the heaviest part of the storm seemed passed, the weather man crashed through with a belatedly less conservative forecast of "continued snow flurries." Accordingly, the blizzard continued throughout the day and into the next. On Wednesday the weather-bureau had attained some degree of accuracy with a confident prediction that the storm would end that night. In line with that the blast migrated to the northward, but not without first depositing the heaviest snow fall since January 1925. The western Indians had a name for it—Kissineyoo'wayo—"It Blows Cold."

ACTIVITIES

DEBATE

Hamilton's debaters took part in two debates last week, one an intra-mural debate, and the other a two-team argument with Utica College in Utica.

On Wednesday, the International Relations Club played host to Hamilton debaters Moss, Hayter, Beebe, and Drabkin at a meeting held in the Baker Memorial Room. Moss and Hayter took the affirmative of the resolution, "Resolved: That the veto power in the United Nations' Security Council be abolished," Beebe and Drabkin upheld the negative. The affirmative hammered steadily the point that the veto power was undemocratic and a threat to peace, while the negative speakers were strong in their conviction that if the veto power were to be abolished, the members of the "Big 5" might withdraw, thereby causing the collapse of the United Nations. Although the debate was not judged, the Negative won a floor vote. All of the speeches were well presented, and the debate was close all the way.

On Friday evening, four debaters journeyed to Utica College to hold forth on the national topic for intercollegiate debate this year, "Resolved: That Labor should have a direct share in management." Lerman and Horowitch advocated the affirmative against the Uticans. They clinched a victory with the argument that if labor had a direct share in management, consumer power would be more stable and increased. The Negative fought doggedly on the grounds that because of the strength of many Labor Unions such a move would be impractical.

In the evening's other debate, Hamilton's negative team, composed of Underwood and Dave Parker, lost a close decision to the Utica speakers.

On Friday, March 15, a group of Hamilton debaters will face Colgate, at Hamiton, on the subject," Resolved: That Universal Military Training be established in the United States." The opposition is expected to provide a strong argument.

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VETERANS

NEW ADVISOR

Ex-GI's on the Hill have recently welcomed Mr. Stewart Wessing as their adviser on veterans' affairs. Although new to Hamilton College, Mr. Wessing is not new to this work, having been with the Veterans Administration for seven months as a vocational adviser, and for the past five months as Educational Training Officer.

At present, he is acting in the same capacity for Mohawk College, the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, and the Utica Aviation Flight School, but he hopes to be able to devote more time to Hamilton in the near future. Until that time his office in Root Hall will be open on Mondays and Thursdays, from nine to five and one to five, respectively. Veterans who have any problems with subsistence, eligibility time, or pension claims are urged to come to his office during those hours.

Mr. Wessing is particularly anxious that the students avoid trouble whenever the VA requests something of them, by taking a few minutes to make sure that they know what is asked.

It is also requested that all veterans contact his office immediately to report any of the following items: change of address, change of course, absence of more than five days, unsatisfactory progress or conduct, extension of training, questions of dependency, appointments arranged by the VA or by the student, or situations of an emergency nature.

COVER (CONT'D)

been started earlier. He pointed out that teams like Hobart and Union had already played five or six games when Hamilton met them for the first time. Later in the season, with sufficient experience, Hamilton beat both these teams. He also hopes it will be possible to increase our schedule to include at least sixteen games. Looking to the future, "Swish" predicts: "With the whole team back, we should have a much better season, especially if we get a full schedule."

RADIO

WIBX QUIZ

"Hamilton College On The Air," the series of College radio programs presented over WIBX, Utica, took the air on Tuesday night to broadcast an interfraternity quiz show. Five men, finalists who had been chosen by competitive examination, represented five houses. The winning fraternity had the privilege of choosing as a prize a book to be added to their library. The faculty, under the aegis of Professor Bowie, submitted the questions used, all of which concerned current events. Alexander Lankler, Elton Francis, Albert Beale, James Gow, and Merrill King competed, and Lee Bristol was master of ceremonies. The prize was won for ΔKE by Albert Beale.

ACTIVITIES

OUTING CLUB

Because of previous commitments of many of its members, the newly-organized Outing Club's Sunday trip to Turin had to be cancelled. The group, now twenty-two in number, met Tuesday to elect officers.

The club is contacting the intercollegiate Outing Club Association in an effort to arrange weekends with outing clubs of nearby colleges. The Outing Club already has visions of a clubhouse, all their own, nestled among the pines at some lakeshore.

ADMINISTRATIVE

DEAN'S OFFICE

From all reports, more and more students appear to be headed for summer study at many varied American and European colleges. Because of the necessity for the transfer of credits, any men who are planning to take courses for credit this summer at institutions other than Hamilton should submit their plans, including descriptions of the courses which they plan to take, to the Dean's office for approval by the Academic Council.

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by DAN CARVETH

With much current discussion of the Hamilton athletic policy, it may be of interest to recall the days when Hamilton was one of the football powers of the East.

In the opening days of the century, when Hamilton athletes wore Pink instead of Buff and Blue, there existed a tradition that Hamilton teams lost to the University of Rochester only when the first team was unable to get to the game. From 1895 to 1902, for example, Hamilton and Rochester met five times and Hamilton won all five games. The Continentals gained a total of 142 points to Rochester's 10. (The ten gained were in 1896 against a weak Hamilton team which had twenty points scored against it and lost one game out of seven to N. Y. U. by the score of 6-0). The worst beating handed Rochester was by a score of 47-0 in 1898.

Probably the all-time outstanding Hamilton football team was that of 1899. They played nine games, lost to West Point by 11-0, but were not scored upon by any other team. Their list of victims included Cortland, Clarkson, Hobart, Williams, Colgate, Trinity, N. Y. U., and Rochester.

These were also the days when Hamilton was famous for spirit. When the 1901 team lost to Williams, the hundred men who had gone to Williamstown (this from a college of less than three hundred) staged a march that is still remembered in Albany police annals, and tendered their beaten warriors a banquet as an evidence of their respect.

Such spirit was one of the things that kept the teams of this period on top. Even today vestiges of it remain, as in the Hamilton men who made the trek to Colgate for the return hockey engagement, and stayed on their feet in the Colgate ice-box trying to root the Continentals to victory.

BASKETBALL

"REVENGE WAS SWEET . . ."

They dropped six of their first seven games and the campus thought they were a pretty punk club. The Hamilton "Five" looked bad too. The boys weren't working together—there was no system. Speedy high scoring Danny Ferguson was dribbling too much, the veterans Wilson and Connolly were not hitting, the big boy Tank lacked confidence, and Coach Weber was desperately trying to find the right combination. When the money was down they just weren't there. At Union they battled the Dutchman to a standstill for three quarters, only to fall apart at the seams in the final period.

The keener analysts were baffled—there was a barrel of talent on that Continental club. Then it happened. Mox Weber with three slow men on the starting five switched to a zone. Ferguson and Mackay, out in front, naturally broke into the fast break. Big, rugged Brewer, Wilson, and Tank formed the rear line of the pattern and consequently Hamilton controlled the boards.

The boys got together and settled their petty differences. They started feeding each other and looked like a ball club.

The University at Troy had a highly rated team and the hill five forced them to sweat out a shaky three point victory. Hamilton had hit its stride and in successive triumphs they stepped over Alfred, Hobart, and Union.

Revenge was sweet—shellacking Hobart by 16 points satisfied the team (earlier Hobart had beat Hamilton 55-52) and they were eager for more, with Union coming next they had an attractive prey.

Tank and Ferguson were blazing. The whole club looked smooth. Hitting with deadly accuracy Hamilton averaged better than 16 points a quarter. A bewildered Union team didn't know what to make of our zone.

The team was hot, but Rochester loomed ahead—a tough customer. This was the club that had left Hamilton groggy at midseason with a stunning 46 point defeat.

Once again Hamilton went down before this powerful team, but the 46 point difference was drastically slashed to 8, and Rochester can go with the best in the State.

There's a sanguine air about the Hill's basketball fan—he likes the prospects for next year. The same team that stumbled from the gate, looked dazed at the half way mark, picked up speed at the last turn and came roaring down the stretch will be back next year—only difference, one year's experience.

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SWIMMING

ROCHESTER

Rochester's Rivermen captured all but two first places last Saturday to down the Continentals by a 50-25 score.

With three new men, all of whom took first places, Rochester was able to reverse an earlier 38-36 Hamilton victory. The outstanding events of the afternoon for Hamilton's rooters were Bill Taverner's outstanding exhibition of diving, in which he bested "Skip" Page, U. of R's ace diver, and the 440 yard freestyle events, won by Dan Cantor, this year's honorary captain. Dick Gregory, captain elect for next year, took second in the 440.

VARSITIES

CAPTAINS SELECTED

Three of Hamilton's varsity teams have elected their captains for next year.

At a meeting after the Rochester game the basketball squad tendered Bill Wilson the honorary captaincy for the '46-'47 season and elected Dan Ferguson and Bob Brewer to lead next year's team.

The swimming team also elected an honorary captain for the '47 season, Dan Cantor. Dick Gregory will captain next year.

The soccer team has elected Art Kidd to lead them next fall.

HOCKEY

HAMILTON - CLINTON "TOWN GOWN"

The Continental pucksters suffered a double defeat at the hands of the Clinton Hockey Club last week. In the first game, played Tuesday night, the Buff and Blue lost a heartbreaker, 4-3, and again on Saturday night the Clintonians turned the trick with a 7-4 victory over Coach Rudd's skaters.

The initial fray marked the resumption of the annual "town-gown" series which before the war, as during this season, commanded much interest in this area. These games brought the Hamilton '46-'47 season to a close with a win-loss-tie record of 5-5-1. Victories were registered over Middlebury, Cornell, Williams, the Jamaica Hawks and St. Nicks, while the Continentals were defeated by St. Lawrence, Colgate (2 games) and the Clinton Hockey Club (2 games). The lone tie was played with Army.

The Tuesday night encounter with the village six was marked with frequent trips to the penalty box by players from both teams and as a result the contest was waged, for a large part, with one and sometimes two members of either side "sitting out" the required two minutes. Nevertheless, Hamilton showed brilliant hockey in this game, offensively and defensively, and completely outskated and outplayed the visitors in the first period. Captain Redmond and Carl Knapp deserve much credit for their effective covering of forward Greg Batt, former Colgate star and mainstay of the Clinton team. Time and time again Batt would break loose on sure-goal solo dash only to have Redmond or Knapp break up the play by "riding" him into the defensive zone and preventing the shot, or by poke-checking the puck away from him on the way down the ice. Bernie Burns and Bill Crew also performed admirably in this "anti-Batt" campaign by effectively checking him or turning him to the boards and the corners and subsequently forcing the play to fail. The defensive play in the second game was of much the same quality and it noticeably cut down Batt's tricky playmaking.

The repeat performance on Saturday night was arranged after Cornell was forced to cancel, because of soft ice, the game scheduled for that afternoon. A head cold kept Dana Babcock out of the lineup so Coach Rudd moved Bill VonThurn up to fill the starting right wing position. VonThurn promptly opened the Hamilton scoring on a pass from Redmond. The first goal started things humming, however, and the play was very fast and hard fought—and much cleaner than in the first tussle. Batt put the "town team" out in front at the end of the first period with a hard shot from the left of the cage. The second period scoring got underway with a pass from Dick Burns to Redmond who dropped it past Clinton's goalie, Schilling, and the Continentals went on to score two more, by solo dashes by Redmond and Knapp while holding Clinton scoreless for the entire frame.

The third period was all Clinton, as they poured in five counters in rapid succession. In an effort to check this spree, Coach Rudd removed the defensemen and replaced them with two linemen, an attempt to get the maximum amount of speed on the ice, but this didn't seem to stem the Stanleyites and Clinton took the second win, 7-4.

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For people living in the middle of a world in political, economic, and scientific revolution, Americans evince a truly terrifying attitude of indifference to what is occurring around the globe at this very moment. Since the end of World War II a new imperialism has arisen. The key to this change is the drama of a disintegrating British Empire, and the recent decision of the British Government to withdraw economic support from Greece is an act in this drama which deserves serious attention.

Professor Hardy Wickwar of Hamilton's Political Science department, a former British citizen and an official of UNRRA before he came to Hamilton last summer, has brought to the Hill a wealth of experience in governmental problems. His work for UNRRA brought him the opportunity to observe and study the post-war situation in Greece at first hand. Furthermore, his training and experience in England and on the continent have given him a magnificent knowledge by which to judge and comment upon the events which are taking place today. He has drawn for us a picture of the problems posed by the Greek development and their causes.

There can be no doubt that today the British Government faces the spectre of economic collapse. It was this knowledge that moved the Labor Government to rescind the commitments that had been made to protect Greece's economy from complete disruption. The causes of this decision go far back into the nineteenth century; its results may well effect the future of the world for decades and even centuries to come.

The decline of Britain from world leadership has vacated the most important position in today's world. Only America or Russia can fill that post. The day of practicable isolation for the United States, if it ever existed, is past. As the most powerful nation in the world with the possible exception of Russia, the United States has the most to win and the most to lose by accepting or rejecting the job. The Near East, where the question of control of the oil fields is increasingly an American problem, is an example of America's direct interest in world conditions. The recent war depleted the United States' domestic petroleum resources so greatly that reserves are insufficient to fight another war. She must look out for her own interests. In addition to this necessity and fully as practical is the need to guard herself and her people. The same conditions that make the possession of oil reserves necessary require strategic security as well. No longer able to hide behind the now declining might of Great Britain, America must fend for herself or perish.

In order to obtain the security she must have, America must first take steps to revitalize the failing English economic structure. According to Professor Wickwar, this aid includes two absolute essentials. First, in Professor Wickwar's own words, "America must be prepared to invest enough capital to re-equip British industry, not merely grant a loan to allow importation of Hollywood movies and Virginia tobacco." The United States and Britain, therefore, have changed places. In the nineteenth century British capital was used to help develop America; today American capital must lend a helping hand to England's industries for the good of the world. The benefit will be reciprocal. American capital invested in British industry will be used to buy American machine tools and mining equipment. Second, the United States must break down the tariff walls which froze world trade in the 1930's so that Britain may repay American loans as she is able, by selling manufactures. Any system of free trade with Britain must include, at the same time, a comparable policy towards other nations. The bulk of trade between the British Commonwealth and the United States is made up of the import and export of goods between America and the British Dominions and Colonies. English debts may be paid by trade with Australia, Malaya, and Canada. For this reason, the lowering of trade barriers must be complete.

The progam for the immediate relief of Greece, herself, is much the same. The gift or even the loan of a small fleet of liberty ships would enable Greece once again to carry the trade of other countries. This and the right to sell Greek products in America would help restore Greek economy and remove the haunting peril of economic chaos,

There are far-reaching reasons why an active, efficient American policy aiming at the solution of these problems is essential. Since 1945 the world has been divided into two mighty spheres of influence. This is the new imperialism which has replaced the nineteenth century scheme of empire. On one side stands Russia and her continental satellites; on the other, the United States and the maritime nations which look to her for leadership and support. The failure of America to assume full and active direction of the maritime nations will result in the loss of half-way areas to the other side and enhance the possibility of world unification taking place under Soviet leadership.

Britain's withdrawal from Greece has rung the knell of the old imperial world. For decades the time for complete reorientation of world economy has been approaching. Now it is here, and with its arrival the world asks anxiously a question which we must hope will not be long in the answering: Whither goes America?

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JAZZ

RIFFS

You habitues of Condon's Village jazz joint should be cautioned to supply yourselves with the latest model brass knuckles, if you intend to make the pilgrimage to N. Y. to hear Bill Davidson's band. It's been quite a few weeks since the "revolution" usurped Dave Tough and his be-bop inclined sextet, but things are not yet normal. Wild Bill's cornet is the hottest in the world—just touch it once!—and as for Brunies (or Brunis), he could play great small-band trombone for anybody. If you object to his clowning, it won't hurt you to close your eyes and just listen. That guy's knowledge of harmony should be

thrill enough. But business, as in most of New York's musical dives, is pretty bad at 47 West 3rd. Except for weekends and the Tuesday night jam sessions, Condon's has been conspicuously in need of paying customers. Some have blamed Eddie's tactics of bringing in the old-line Dixie-landers in place of the Kaminsky-Tough group. Nevertheless, it seems to us that the current band has much more to offer in way of jazz enjoyment. And there's that wonderful Sullivan intermission piano for those of you who don't get much kick from Gene Schroeder's band work, as we don't.

If you get a chance, hire a dog team and mush into fair Utica. Bob Henderson, the piano player, is back in local circulation again, playing solo at the Town House on Genesee Street. If he's as fine as he was four years ago, you don't want to miss him.

S. D. Records, of 8 South Dearborn, Chicago, just released six sides by a Bud Freeman quintet. Featured are Bill Dohler, alto, and Jack Gardner, piano, as well as Shakespeare's friend, Lawrence. Dohler is new to wax, but Jumbo Jack may be remembered for his barrelhouse stuff on the Jimmy McPartland Decca's. He played with the original H. James band—don't let that throw you—and was responsible for the nice work on Mr. Grable's "Feetdraggin' Blues." Incidentally, the price on these records is right. Three dollars for the set. (If you order by mail, slip them 65 cents for postage and packing). According to our latest confidential reports from Washington, the set is well worth having.

Bill Robbins
Pete Johnston

ACTIVITIES

CHESS CLUB

The Hamilton College Chess Club, first organized in March of 1888, is being reinstituted as an active organization on the Hill. Its leader is George Ridge; its advisor, Mr. Howard Nemerov. The strategicians of the Queens and Pawns held an organization meeting on Sunday, March 9, in the Baker Memorial Room of the gymnasium.

Active members are John Connolly, Clarence Aldridge, Richard Muniz, Ridge, and Mr. Nemerov. The group plans to meet each Sunday afternoon at 2:15 in the Baker Room, and eventually to stage a tournament. A team will be chosen from the more accomplished players to play chess groups from other schools. Hamilton participation in inter-school chess tournaments began in November, 1902, when Syracuse University challenged the team. The first match with Syracuse ended in a draw, 4-4.

LIBRARY

ART EXHIBIT

Hamilton's art lovers will be interested to know that a group of ten paintings by our resident painter, William C. Palmer, are being exhibited this week in the main reading room of the library. The group includes seven paintings of a special type known as "wash drawings," which Mr. Palmer explains in a book called "Outdoor Sketching." Two ink and tempera drawings, and one quill and reed drawing complete the exhibit.

The majority of these works have scenes in and around Clinton for their subject matter. One of the scenes exhibited, "Snow Ridge, Turin" should strike a familiar note with ski enthusiasts.

FRATERNITIES

ΣΦ: The Sig's week-end included Ownie Burns' twelve hour rest, and a shorter visit by twelve Wells girls, including the freshman dates of John Parker, John Gorton, Harry Bates, Bill Page, and Pete Falk, Frank Nichols and George Maret of Squires . . . The weekly Saturday night party was kept alive by an influx of new brew at 2 A.M., and such a dignitary as Nick Burns could be seen as late as Sunday evening with a "glee o' bee" in hand.

ΑΔΦ: The reputation of Hamilton's French department suffered a setback in Montreal last week when French student Herb Chase failed to get to first base with a chic mademoiselle. His trouble: lack of appropriate vocabulary.

ΨΥ: In addition to the dance this week-end, the Psi U House was made brighter by three Wells upperclassmen, Alice Hofelder, Carol Nalen and Barbara Tack . . . Al Loveland, a consummate host, turned on the ultra-violet light and entertained about a dozen men of distinction in an early morning B-session.

ΔΥ: The D. Us were glad, Saturday, to see President Lee Ewing back from a rest cure following an injury resulting from last week's all-star game with Colgate.

ΔΚΕ: The Dekes held open house in the Pine Room after the hockey game Saturday. Bob Brown was bung starter. Several new songs, which would be interesting additions to Mr. Welker's collection, were composed.

ΘΔΧ: Speaking of snow, the Theta Delts have a new sport. With six feet of snow behind the back porch, several Freshman daredevils have taken to leaping spectacularly from the porch roof . . . The Theta Delts were well represented at last week-end's Freshman dance, thanks to the kindly guidance of A1 (match maker) Schepper. . . . Frank (pen-pal) Miller is delighted by the flood of replies to his rceent ad in Hamiltonews, and awaits further correspondence.

Emerson Literary Society: Two acquisitions of Emerson men are Ray Beuchler's 1931 Ford and Courtenay Fenn's 1933 Chevrolet. At present Beuchler's vehicle is suffering from a ruptured rod, but it is expected to recover . . . On the evening of the Wells-Hamilton dance, ELS entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, Miss Sadye Vyner, Neil Callaghan, and Patrick Insley. The latter two are brothers of Jack Callaghan and Bob Insley.

ΛΧΑ: **Looking through the platter-archives, the Lamba Chi's are hunting for** Roll Out the Barrel, **or some other polka, to add a bit of the** brauhaus **to next Saturday's party. Grab your mugs, and c'mon down!**

Squires: The Squires will be Saturday evening hosts at a party in the E.L.S. house.

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OUTING CLUB

Suffering from the usual apathy and lack of interest that apparently is the fate of any fledgling organization, the newly-organized Outing Club failed to interest enough individuals to meet the expenses of its proposed skiing trip to Turin last Sunday. *Hamiltonews* believes that the advent of a college outing club, if properly backed and organized, may serve the purpose of bringing to the undergraduate life an institution which has been proved almost universally popular and valuable to student recreation.

The function of an outing club may be stated briefly as that of providing students with an organization which will serve as a medium for the enjoyment of activities beyond the realm of ordinary outdoor life. As such, a well-run club can furnish facilities such as inexpensive hunting and fishing trips, a cabin located in one of the less-populated areas of the state, skiing trips in the winter, and a possibility of cooperation on activities with the outing clubs of other colleges. Hamilton College is located in a portion of New York State readily accessible to the many opportunities of the Adirondacks, the endless waterways available through the Barge Canal, and the fine ski slopes of Northern New York. We need not enlarge upon the possibilities of the local geography, beyond stating the fact that their advantages have been a well-recognized fact among the outing clubs of such neighboring institutions as Wells, Cornell, Skidmore and Syracuse. Hamilton might enjoy the offerings an outing club can bring, if students will cooperate in backing it.

PUBLICATIONS REFORM

In the remote past, Hamilton student publications were independent journals put out by editors who sold advertising space and subscriptions and pocketed the net surpluses, if any, as the legitimate return of a profitable private enterprise. By 1938, printing and other costs had increased so much that the good old days of thousand-dollar returns were a memory and publications were deep in the red. The College, feeling that student publications are a praiseworthy activity and that the literary and journalistic quality of the existing organs was high, established a publications fee as a fixed tax and set up a Publications Board to administer it.

The Publications Board (the President, the Dean, the Controller, an Academic Council delegate, the three editors, and the business manager) had full power over publications and full responsibility for finances. Ads and subscriptions continued to be sold off the Hill by commissioned salesmen, and the editors divided annual profits. This system is still in effect.

A new crisis developed in 1942. Costs had risen swiftly, and it became obvious that a college of 450 men could not support three periodicals on a $7.50 fee. Reluctantly the Board merged the newspaper with the magazine to form *Hamiltonews*, the first college newsmagazine.

Last spring, the postwar magazine operated under grave difficulties. Its staff, handicapped in every conceivable way, proved only the existence of the will to live. Last summer the crisis in publications had to be faced. The Board asked the Faculty to restore the publications fee and authorize the printing of the *Hamiltonian*, the *Continental*, and *Hamiltonews*. All three were to cost the students what two of them had cost before the war. It was an impossible assignment.

A committee of the Publications Board has studied the problem for five months. Its task was to define a system for guaranteeing superior publications. Many questions had to be answered. Obviously a mandatory publications fee is necessary because even the present one is inadequate to guarantee good publications. Clearly the editorial division of spoils is a poor system because it puts a premium on cheap publications and makes intelligent budgeting difficult. Equally clearly, some form of economic security for the editors is desirable because an editorship is too time-consuming to permit other employment, and without it a poor man cannot afford to be an editor—meaning 90% of qualified Hamilton students. A cash salary, on the other hand, is no proper way to give students financial aid. The obvious answer is a scholarship. Such a thing is practical: if the publications fee were increased to cover practically all of the printing costs, a budget for each periodical could be set up and a scholarship fund established out of advertising and subscription income. Naturally, economies come first.

How do we know publications would improve? How do we hold the editors responsible to their trusts? If each editor had to get explicit approval of the Board for each issue of his periodical at the next monthly meeting after its appearance, and if inefficiency were penalized by loss of his job and his scholarship, he would indeed be clearly responsible for workmanship. The Board knows publications problems, is in contact with the Student Council, and thus is a fair tribunal for assaying how much a periodical deserves to be supported by taxation. The plan would make it possible to open editorships to all qualified students and to hold them responsible for their handling of other people's money.

Would this leave our press free? Yes, it would. There are six voting members on the Board, and four of them are students. They are unlikely to vote away their own independence. Besides, at no time this year has any Faculty pressure been brought to bear for any purpose. There is no danger of censorship and no probability of muzzling. The Board is anxious to keep the press free, but also to make it responsible to the students. There is a difference between liberty and irresponsibility.

(Next week *Hamiltonews* will publish a statement relative to publications budgets.)

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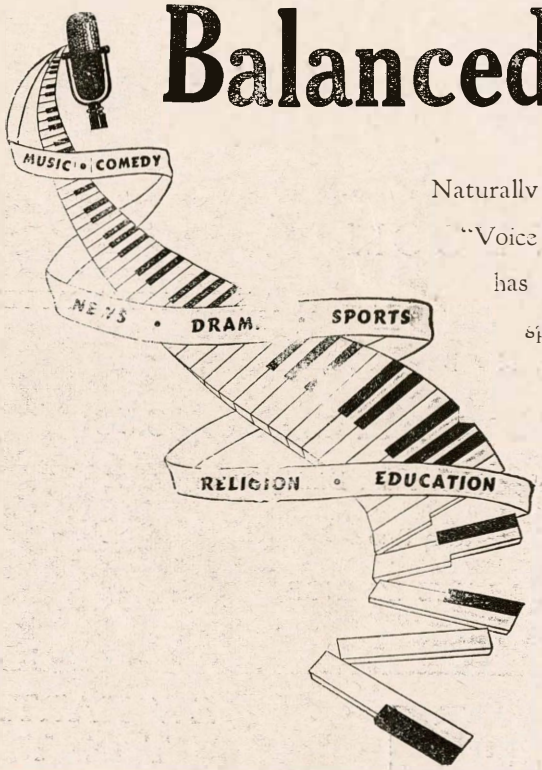

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